

Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 1st March 2022, Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field at 7.40 pm (Following on from the
Annual Parish Social Gathering)
MINUTES

Present Cllrs Watts (PW), (Chair), West (RW) Vice-Chair, Harvey (JH), Keel (BK), Price (BP), Rosevear (GR), Turner, (AT), Woodcock (JW)

Also present: Cllrs Gilbert (RG) (DCC)

4 Members of the public were in attendance.

Cllr Watts began the meeting with a message of support for the people of Ukraine and condolences for all those people in Modbury parish who have lost loved ones this year.

2022 26 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jones (illness) and Walker (holiday)

2022 27 Co-option

There have been no expressions of interest in joining the Council to date.

Devon County Councillor's Report (RG)

- Thanked MPC for his invitation to attend the Annual Parish Social Gathering
- Reported a £38.7 budget deficit for DCC
- DCC Council Tax to increase by 3% for 2022-2023 of which ¼ will go to adult social care

RG left at 7.50pm

South Hams District Councillor's Report (BT)

BT had sent his apologies. His report arrived after the meeting:

- BARRACKS WALL
A meeting had taken place with Laura Wotton (head of assets at SHDC) and the 3 residents affected by the Barracks Wall. The wall will not be rebuilt and there will be a meeting with Richard Gage heritage and listed building officer to find a suitable alternative material acceptable to everyone.
- COUNCIL TAX ENERGY REBATE £150
Residence in bands A to D who pay by direct debit will receive the £150 in April, those who don't will get instructions on how to claim with the March council tax bill.
- BROWN BINS
Providing FCC proposals are acceptable to SHDC the green waste (brown bin) collection will resume week beginning 21st of march, notification will be well publicized. It is possible SHDC will fall in line with other Councils and cease again next winter for the winter months

Open Forum:

- A parishioner shared concerns at the impact of the business operations taking place at Trehele Cross. MPC had already discussed the situation with SHDC and were able to reassure the meeting that the situation is being dealt with by that Council. MPC will continue to monitor the situation.
- A parishioner requested an update on the December council resolution to explore the installment of street lights between Dark Lane and the Recreation Field and the path alongside the allotments on Palm Cross Estate. MPC has received approx. costings from DCC and would need to raise funds for purchase and installation and on-going costs. MARS are looking into solar

lighting. There is still some uncertainty as to responsibility for the Palm Cross lighting. There was discussion regarding the siting of the lights should the project proceed.

2022 28 There were no declarations of pecuniary and other interests

2022 29 Minutes of Meetings 1st February 2022

a) The Council considered the draft Minutes (distributed earlier). Proposed by AT, seconded by BP and all were in favour they be approved as a true and accurate record. (RW abstained)

b) Clerk's update on matters arising from previous meetings:

20 mph speed limit - Clerk has applied officially for all roads within the town boundaries to be considered for this restriction

Volunteer database - Application forms are now available to start gathering data.

Grass Cutting Tender - 6 expressions of interest to date and 3 quotations received to date/

2022 30 Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

a) 0502/22/FUL Mr Robinson Installation of 8 no. rooflights. Unit C, Pearse Gardens. Modbury PL21 0QU

Proposed by BK, seconded by GR and all in favour that this application be supported.

b) 0116/22/FUL Mr & Mrs Hope Erection of cobb and stone shed for tool and animal feed storage, and animal shelter Heatherset, Dark Lane. Modbury. PL21 0RD

It was noted that:

1. The development is outside the curtilage of the dwelling.

2. It is outside of the development envelope for the Town and as such encroaches on the countryside.

3. It is inappropriate in terms of its scale and design in regards to its stated proposed use.

4. Contrary to the policies of the Neighbourhood and Local Plans.

Proposed by BK, seconded by GR and all in favour of objecting to this application

c) 4484/21/HHO Mrs D Gotts. Householder application for alterations and refurbishment of existing dwelling with new flat roof kitchen extension and external deck Trehele Down. Modbury PL21 0SA

Proposed by BK, seconded by GR and all in favour of supporting this application

2022 31 Finance and Human Resources

1. Proposed by BP, seconded by RW and all in favour that the payments as listed in Appendix 1a be approved

2. The financial statement Appendix 1b was noted

Thanks were given to AT for her efforts to secure the £5,000 compensation from SHDC for their handling of the NP process in Modbury

2022 32 Communications Committee

The minutes from the committee meeting on 17th February 2022 (Distributed previously) were received.

Matters arising:

a) Proposed by GR, seconded by BP and all in favour (JH abstained) that the Committee continue to explore the best solution for streaming meetings to encourage public participation. And that the Committee agree a final purchase which would include installation by the company and training provided by the company to be no more than the highest quote received to date of £6600.

b) It was noted that the Committee has been renamed to Community Engagement Committee

c) It was also noted that progress is being made with the new MPC website

2022 33 Palm Cross Parking

Proposed by GR, seconded by PW and all in favour of retaining the charge for parking at the current annual rate of £120 + VAT

2022 34 Neighbourhood Plan

AT reported that the revised plan was almost ready for Council approval but that there had been delay due to staff sickness / leave at SHDC.

It was agreed that as soon as the plan was ready an extra-ordinary meeting would be called to move this onto the next stage in the process. (Post meeting note – this will now be on the April meeting agenda)

2022 35 Environment

AT introduced worrying statistics about water pollution and untreated sewage in the River Erme.

It was agreed that AT would liaise with the clerk to write to SWW requesting information regarding discharges.

A multi-agency group are planning several projects at the school – this will be on the April agenda

2022 36 School and Barracks Road Safety Group

JH has convened a group comprising Counsellors, members of the public and reps from the school and Parent / Teacher Federation. Work will involve reviewing solutions explored in the past and proposing new solutions.

2022 37 Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups:

a) Platinum Jubilee celebrations:

- Celebration Medal plus presentation box for all children attending Modbury Primary School
Number of children: 170

Medal: 0.89p plus VAT £1.07 each with free engraving – Cost £181.90

Presentation Case Cost: £1.89 plus VAT £2.27 each – Cost £385.90

Proposed by GR, seconded by RW and all in favour that grant funding be sought to support MPC's purchase of the medals.

- Firework display and bonfire to be held on the evening of Thursday 2nd June.
- Service on Sunday the 5th June at 10.30 followed by a Big Lunch outside at the QE2 Pavilion.
(People bring their own picnic)

Other activities happening in Modbury:

- WI – will be planting a tree to commemorate the event
- Silverwell Park holding a street party on the 5th June
- Long Park residents possibly holding a street party on either the 4th or 5th June

b) Allotments

A new group has been formed and there are lots of projects planned.

c) **Modbury Sick and Poor Charity** have supported several applications in recent months.

d) **CCTV camera – MPC remains committed to feeding info. of reported incidents to DCC**

e) **Modbury Information Centre is now requesting payment for advertising on their website**

2022 38 The Saturday rota was confirmed:

Watts, Pete	5th March	Harvey, John	26th March
West, Rob	12th March	Jones, Oliver	2nd April
Woodcock, Jo	19th March		

Meeting closed at 9.25pm